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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 2

Coastal District and Districts 1-3 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason run projection, based on the summer chum to fall chum salmon relationship, is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. This level of abundance is typically sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs, and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes.

Consistent with transitioning to fall season management, the following management actions will occur in the Lower Yukon Area districts:

Coastal District (Naskonat Peninsula to 1 mile south of Black River)

Effective 4:00 a.m. Sunday, July 16, the Coastal District will be under fall season management. Subsistence fishing is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

District 1

Effective 4:00 a.m. Sunday, July 16, subsistence fishing in District 1 will be open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

District 2

Effective 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, subsistence fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, 24 hours a day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

District 3

Effective 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, subsistence fishing in District 3 will be open for the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours a day. Subsistence fishermen may use gillnets with a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures around commercial openings, subsistence fishermen targeting non-salmon species may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A. For the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks, call 455-1849.

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